FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE AND CONTRACTOR TRAVEL EXPENSES ACT OF 1985

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An Act

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To amend title 5, United States Code, to revise the authority relating to the payment of subsistence and travel allowances to Government employees for official travel; to prescribe standards for the allowability of the cost of subsistence and travel of contractor personnel under Government contracts; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Federal Civilian Employee and Contractor Travel Expenses Act of 1985.

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Federal Civilian Employee and Contractor Travel Expenses Act of 1985".

TITLE I—TRAVEL EXPENSES OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

SEC. 101. Section 5701(4) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(4) 'per diem allowance' means a daily payment instead of actual expenses for subsistence and fees or tips to porters and stewards;".

SEC. 102. (a) Section 5702 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking out subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Regulations.
5 USC 5707.

"(a)(1) Under regulations prescribed pursuant to section 5707 of this title, an employee, when traveling on official business away from the employee's designated post of duty, or away from the employee's home or regular place of business (if the employee is described in section 5703 of this title), is entitled to any one of the following:

5 USC 5703.

"(A) a per diem allowance at a rate not to exceed that established by the Administrator of General Services for travel within the continental United States, and by the President or his designee for travel outside the continental United States;

"(B) reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses of official travel not to exceed an amount established by the Administrator for travel within the continental United States or an amount established by the President or his designee for travel outside the continental United States; or

"(C) a combination of payments described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph.

"(2) Any per diem allowance or maximum amount of reimbursement shall be established, to the extent feasible, by locality.

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"(3) For travel consuming less than a full day, the payment prescribed by regulation shall be allocated in such manner as the Administrator may prescribe.

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"(b)(1) Under regulations prescribed pursuant to section 5707 of this title, an employee who is described in subsection (a) of this section and who abandons the travel assignment prior to its completion—

"(A) because of an incapacitating illness or injury which is not due to the employee's own misconduct is entitled to reimbursement for expenses of transportation to the employee's des-

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ignated post of duty, or home or regular place of business, as the case may be, and to payments pursuant to subsection (a) of this section until that location is reached; or

"(B) because of a personal emergency situation (such as serious illness, injury, or death of a member of the employee's family, or an emergency situation such as fire, flood, or act of God), may be allowed, with the approval of an appropriate official of the agency concerned, reimbursement for expenses of transportation to the employee's designated post of duty, or home or regular place of business, as the case may be, and payments pursuant to subsection (a) of this section until that location is reached.

"(2)(A) Under regulations prescribed pursuant to section 5707 of this title, an employee who is described in subsection (a) of this section and who, with the approval of an appropriate official of the agency concerned, interrupts the travel assignment prior to its completion for a reason specified in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, may be allowed (subject to the limitation provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph)— Regulations. 5 USC 5707.

"(i) reimbursement for expenses of transportation to the location where necessary medical services are provided or the emergency situation exists,

"(ii) payments pursuant to subsection (a) of this section until that location is reached, and

"(iii) such reimbursement and payments for return to such assignment.

"(B) The reimbursement which an employee may be allowed pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be the employee's actual costs of transportation to the location where necessary medical services are provided or the emergency exists, and return to assignment from such location, less the costs of transportation which the employee would have incurred had such travel begun and ended at the employee's designated post of duty, or home or regular place of business, as the case may be. The payments which an employee may be allowed pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be based on the additional time (if any) which was required for the employee's transportation as a consequence of the transportation's having begun and ended at a location on the travel assignment (rather than at the employee's designated post of duty, or home or regular place of business, as the case may be). Transportation.

"(3) Subject to the limitations contained in regulations prescribed pursuant to section 5707 of this title, an employee who is described in subsection (a) of this section and who interrupts the travel assignment prior to its completion because of an incapacitating illness or injury which is not due to the employee's own misconduct is entitled to payments pursuant to subsection (a) of this section at the location where the interruption occurred.". Regulations. 5 USC 5707.

(b) Section 5702 of such title is further amended by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (c). *Ante*, p. 1756.

SEC. 103. (a) Subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5706 the following new section:

"§ 5706a. Subsistence and travel expenses for threatened law enforcement personnel 5 USC 5706a.

"(a) Under regulations prescribed pursuant to section 5707 of this title, when the life of an employee who serves in a law enforcement, Regulations. 5 USC 5707.

investigative, or similar capacity, or members of such employee's immediate family, is threatened as a result of the employee's assigned duties, the head of the agency concerned may approve appropriate subsistence payments for the employee or members of the employee's family (or both) while occupying temporary living accommodations at or away from the employee's designated post of duty.

"(b) When a situation described in subsection (a) of this section requires the employee or members of the employee's family (or both) to be temporarily relocated away from the employee's designated post of duty, the head of the agency concerned may approve transportation expenses to and from such alternate location.".

(b) The analysis for chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item pertaining to section 5706 the following new item:

"5706a. Subsistence and travel expenses for threatened law enforcement personnel.".

SEC. 104. Section 5707 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1)" immediately after "(a)";

(2) by inserting the following at the end of subsection (a):

Regulations. Effective date. *Ante*, pp. 1756, 1757.

"(2) Regulations promulgated to implement section 5702 or 5706a of this title shall be transmitted to the appropriate committees of the Congress and shall not take effect until 30 days after such transmittal."; and

(3) by inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:

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"(c)(1) The Administrator of General Services shall periodically, but at least every 2 years, submit to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget an analysis of estimated total agency payments for such items as travel and transportation of people, average costs and duration of trips, and purposes of official travel; and of estimated total agency payments for employee relocation. This analysis shall be based on a sampling survey of agencies each of which spent more than $5,000,000 during the previous fiscal year on travel and transportation payments, including payments for employee relocation. Agencies shall provide to the Administrator the necessary information in a format prescribed by the Administrator and approved by the Director.

Expiration.

"(2) The requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall expire upon the Administrator's submission of the analysis that includes the fiscal year that ends September 30, 1991.".

SEC. 105. Section 5724a of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out "instead of" each place it appears in subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2) and inserting in lieu thereof "or";

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(2) by striking out "maximum per diem rates prescribed by or under section 5702 of this title" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "maximum payment permitted under regulations which implement section 5702 of this title"; and

Ante, p. 1756.

(3) by striking out "average daily rates" in subsection (a)(3) and inserting in lieu thereof "daily rates and amounts".

SEC. 106. (a) Subchapter II of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

5 USC 5734.

"§ 5734. Travel, transportation, and relocation expenses of employees transferred from the Postal Service

"Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, officers and employees of the United States Postal Service promoted or trans-

ferred under section 1006 of title 39, United States Code, from the Postal Service to an agency (as defined in section 5721 of this title), for permanent duty may be authorized travel, transportation, and relocation expenses and allowances under the same conditions and to the same extent authorized by this subchapter for other transferred employees within the meaning of this chapter.". 5 USC 5721.

(b) The analysis for chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5733 the following new item:

"5734. Travel, transportation, and relocation expenses of employees transferred from the Postal Service.".

SEC. 107. (a) Section 7(e) of the Technology Assessment Act of 1972 (2 U.S.C. 476(e)) is amended by striking out "a per diem in lieu of subsistence at not to exceed the rate prescribed in sections 5702 and" and inserting in lieu thereof "payments when traveling on official business at not to exceed the payment prescribed in regulations implementing section 5702 and in". Regulations.

(b) Section 636(g)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2396(g)) is amended by striking out "5702(c)" and inserting in lieu thereof "5702".

(c) Section 4941(d)(2)(G)(vii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 4941(d)(2)(G)(vii)) is amended by striking out "5702(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof "5702".

(d) Section 456(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out "a per diem allowance for travel at the rate which the Director establishes not to exceed the maximum per diem allowance fixed by section 5702(a) of title 5, or in accordance with regulations which the Director shall prescribe with the approval of the Judicial Conference of the United States, reimbursement for his actual and necessary expenses of subsistence not in excess of the maximum amount fixed by section 5702 of title 5" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "payments for subsistence expenses at rates or in amounts which the Director establishes, in accordance with regulations which the Director shall prescribe with the approval of the Judicial Conference of the United States and after considering the rates or amounts set by the Administrator of General Services and the President pursuant to section 5702 of title 5". Regulations. *Ante*, p. 1756.

(e) Section 326(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking out "rates" and inserting in lieu thereof "rates and amounts".

(f) Section 6 of Public Law 90-67 (42 U.S.C. 2477) is amended by striking out "rates" and inserting in lieu thereof "rates and amounts".

TITLE II—TRAVEL EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

SEC. 201. The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"TRAVEL EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS 41 USC 420.

"SEC. 24. Under any contract with any executive agency, costs incurred by contractor personnel for travel, including costs of lodging, other subsistence, and incidental expenses, shall be considered to be reasonable and allowable only to the extent that they do not exceed the rates and amounts set by subchapter I of chapter 57 of Regulations.

5 USC 5701 *et seq.*

title 5, United States Code, or by the Administrator of General Services or the President (or his designee) pursuant to any provision of such subchapter. This section shall be implemented in regulations prescribed as a part of the single system of Government-wide procurement regulations as defined in section 4 of this Act.".

98 Stat. 1195. 42 USC 403. Study. Transportation.

SEC. 202. The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of General Services, shall undertake a study to determine whether limitations should be placed on payments by executive agencies to Government contractors for costs incurred by contractor employees for transportation and relocation. The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall submit within 180 days after the enactment of this Act a report thereon to the appropriate committees of the Congress.

Report.

5 USC 5701 note.

TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATE

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SEC. 301. (a) The Administrator of General Services shall promulgate regulations implementing the amendments made by sections 101, 102, 103, 104, and 106 of this Act not later than 150 days after the date of enactment of this Act. The amendments made by title I of this Act shall take effect on the effective date of such regulations, or 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, whichever occurs first.

(b) The amendments made by section 201 of this Act shall take effect 30 days after the effective date of the amendments made by title I.

Approved January 2, 1986.

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